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SUBJECT: AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER/POLISH STUDIES CENTER

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1. GEORGE WILSON, DEAN, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, VISITED CU/EE FEBRUARY 20 TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR POLISH STUDIES CENTER WHICH WERE MADE IN HIS LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10 TO RECTOR RYBICKI (REFTEL). LETTER WAS HAND CARRIED TO WARSAW BY PROFESSOR FARNHAM FEBRUARY 12.

2. WILSON AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT LETTER REPRESENTED ONLY INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S VIEWS, BUT ADDED THAT PROFESSOR RALPH FISHER AND OTHERS AT ILLINOIS HAD SEEN LETTER AND AGREED WITH ITS CAREFULLY PHRASED STATEMENTS ALLUDING TO PROBABLE PARTICIPATION BY AT LEAST ONE OR TWO OTHER MUCIA UNIVERSITIES AFTER THE START OF THE POLISH CENTER'S ACTIVITIES.

3. AS LETTER STATES, INDIANA IS PREPARED TO INVITE ONE POLISH SENIOR LECTURER IN POLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AND ONE POLISH JUNIOR STAFF MEMBER OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY TO

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CONDUCT RESEARCH IN AMERICAN STUDIES. INDIANA WILL PAY

SALARY OF SENIOR LECTURER AND PROVIDE FELLOWSHIP FOR JUNIOR SCHOLAR (PRESENT FELLOWSHIP PROVIDES FOR APPROXIMATELY \$3000, BUT INDIANA WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT NECESSARY TO

INCREASE STIPEND), BUT EXPECTS INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC US TRANSPORTATION TO BE PAID FROM OTHER SOURCE.

4. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS (URBANA/CHAMPAIGN) WOULD BE EXPECTED TO HOST POLISH SENIOR SCHOLAR IN HISTORY UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OFFERED BY INDIANA AND CONTINUING EXISTING ARRANGEMENT WITH WARSAW HISTORY FACULTY, BUT UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF POLISH STUDIES CENTER PROGRAM.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE EXPLORE WITH POLES POSSIBILITY OF THEIR ARRANGING THROUGH PANAM/ALLEGHENY FOR POLISH SIDE TO PAY TRAVEL OF ITS SCHOLARS ALL THE WAY TO BLOOMINGTON OR CHAMPAIGN, AS CASE MAY BE, IN ZLOTYS.

5. WILSON IS ACTIVELY SEEKING REPLACEMENT FOR HEDIN AND EXPECTS NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN FINDING HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMLIT SPECIALIST. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR REPLACING HEDIN EMPHASIZES NEED TO DROP FULBRIGHT AMLIT LECTURER AT WARSAW, THUS ENDING DUPLICATION OF EFFORT THIS AREA WITH RESULTANT SAVINGS APPLIED TO HIGHER PRIORITY PROJECTS.

6. PROFESSOR NUGENT PASSED TO WILSON HIS IMPRESSION GAINED DURING RECENT TRIP TO WARSAW THAT WILSON'S FEBRUARY 10 LETTER TO RYBICKI WILL SUFFICIENTLY FULFILL RECIPROCITY REQUIREMENTS ORIGINATING IN MFA AND MINED TO ASSURE OPENING OF ASC THIS SUMMER. WILSON EMPHASIZED THAT INDIANA IS NOT INTERESTED IN MERE PAPER RECIPROCITY AND THAT AT VERY MINIMUM INDIANA, ILLINOIS AND OHIO STATE, ALL HAVING STRONG EE/SOV STUDIES INSTITUTES AND LIBRARY RESOURCES, HAVE DEEP AND LONG TERM INTEREST IN DEVELOPING POLISH STUDIES PROGRAMS. EAGLEBURGER

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